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SUBJ: ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. AS NEW YEAR BEGINS, EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES BETWEEN US AND CANADA AND HAS NOTED THAT SEVERAL TOPICS HAVE BEEN BROACHED IN VARIOUS FORA AND THAT DEPT IS CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE MATTERS. AMONG THESE ARE:

A. PROPOSAL MADE BY CANADIAN GOVT OFFICIALS TO STRENGTHEN CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS TO DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (REFERENCE POST MEMCON DATED DEC 9; EUR/CAN MEMCON DATED NOV 13 REPORTING VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF RAY ROBINSON AND COMPANY). EMBASSY RECALLS THAT SUCH MECHANISM HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN RUDIMENTARY WAY BETWEEN MR. TRAIN AT TIME HE WAS AT CEQ AND CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT MINISTER JACK DAVIS. HOWEVER, MECHANISM DID NOT OUTLIVE PARTICIPANTS, AS MR. TRAIN MOVED TO EPA AND DAVIS WAS DEFEATED IN ELECTIONS. UNCERTAIN STATUS OF NEW ACTING MINISTER ENVIRONMENT IN OTTAWA NSOUDS

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PROBLEM FURTHER, AND LENDS EMPHASIS TO NEED FOR MORE

PERMANENT MECHANISM WHICH CAN WITHSTAND PERSONALITY CHANGES
ON BOTH SIDES OF BORDER.

B. LEGAL AND OTHER ISSUES RAISED BY L/EUR (MEMO FROM
GUDGEON DATED OCTOBER 20) REGARDING TRANSFRONTIER
POLLUTION STUDY. MEMO RAISED QUESTIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE
REGARDING USE OF ARTICLE 4 OF BWT, AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS,
LOCUS OF POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS, ROLE OF IJC AND HTE LIKE.

C. FLATHEAD RIVER PROBLEM, WHICH EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS
DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS NUMBER ONE ENVIRONMENT PROBLEM OF
IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

D. RICHELIEU RIVER REFERENCE TO IJC AND PROBLEM OF FUNDING
STUDIES, CANADIAN DESIRES TO PROCEED WITH WATER
WORKS, ETC.

2. SINCE SO MUCH TAKES PLACE IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN IN
OTTAWA ON ALL THESE AND MANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS,
EMBASSY DEEMS IT ADVISABLE FOR EMBASSY POLITICAL
CONSELOR OR EMBASSY ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER TO VISIT
WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATIONS TOWARD END OF JANUARY TO
MEET WITH APPROPRIATE STATE, EPA, INTERIOR, AND IJC
OFFICIALS TO REVIEW THE RANGE OF US-CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE ENDERS
MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART AS A VALUABLE
INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS HE WILL BE
FACING ONCE HE IS IN OTTAWA.

EMBASSY THERFORE REQUESTS DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR
TRAVEL ORDERS AND FUNDING FOR ABOVE-MENTIONED CON-
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